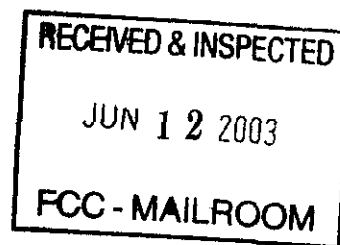


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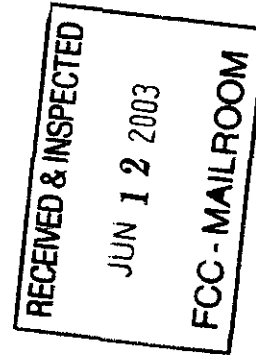
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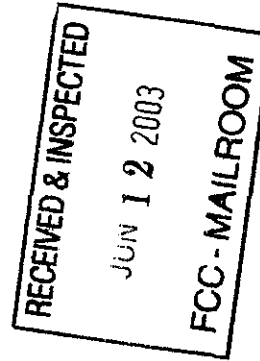
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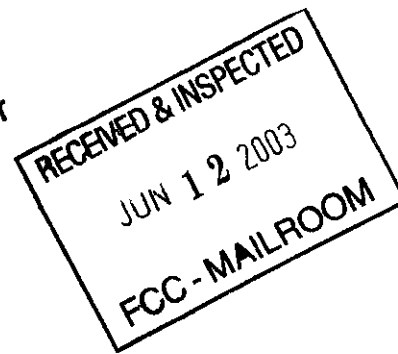
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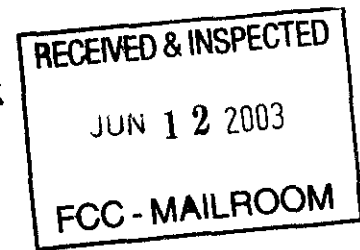
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for calling attention to a very pressing and important matter, the pending possible gutting of regulations in the area of corporate media ownership in your appearance a couple of weeks ago on PBS's "Now with Bill Moyers". You were attempting to stem the continuing tide of irresponsibility in this administration's formulation of policy. I'm sure it's not easy for you to try to spread the word when the FCC chairman has limited the number of public hearings so far to one. I am enclosing copies of some letters I just wrote to the Senate Commerce Committee and to FCC Chairman Powell to demonstrate to you that your efforts doing this valuable service did not go unnoticed from this quarter.

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Dear Commissioner Copps:

Since deregulation of the media and the initial relaxation of media ownership limits, I have noticed a decline in diversity and quality of news reporting, analysis and commentary, as well as in the general quality and variety of programming provided to the public in my area.

In my view, the FCC's proposal to increase current ownership limits of TV networks, to maintain the archaic distinction between UHF and VHF to further suppress diversity and to allow one organization to own both a broadcast station and a newspaper in all but very small markets would, if adopted, profoundly undermine the democratic freedoms and liberties guaranteed by our Constitution.

I do not understand what compels the FCC to rush to vote (on June 2, 2003) on a proposal that could have major devastating and far reaching consequences to the very foundations of our Democracy... A proposal that until recently seems not to have come to the attention of most Americans.

Nor do I understand claims that current ownership rules stifle competition and curtail profits. It seems that media conglomerates have huge profit margins and enjoy the free use of most of the Nation's air waves.

May 16, 2003

Accordingly, I strongly request The FCC to postpone its vote until the Public has sufficient time to study the FCC's proposal, its possible consequences and to express its views.

In this connection, I urge the FCC to circulate its proposal to the Public for a reasonable period of time, together with an objective, non-partisan analysis of its pros and cons and an invitation to submit comments to the FCC for its consideration. The results of these public comments should be summarized and made available to all before the FCC votes.

The major issues in the FCC's proposal are about diversity, objectivity, choices and quality made available to all Americans by the media. It should not be about making huge media companies larger, more profitable and more in control of the news and programs made available to Americans.

Sincerely,  
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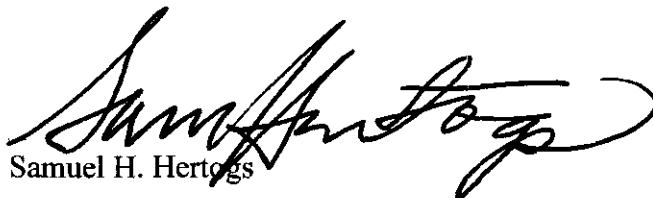
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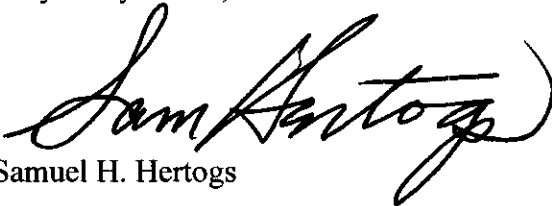
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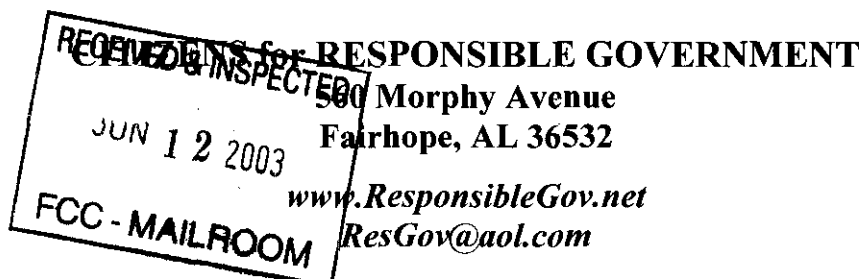
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I urge you individuals in government to think of us, the people, for once instead of the money.

Sincerely,



Mr. Wm R. Hornbarger  
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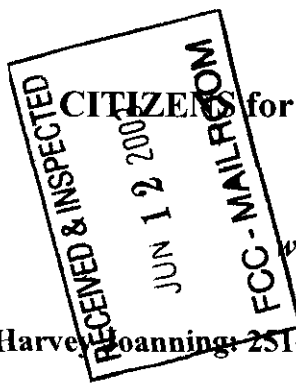
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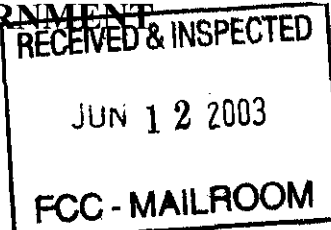
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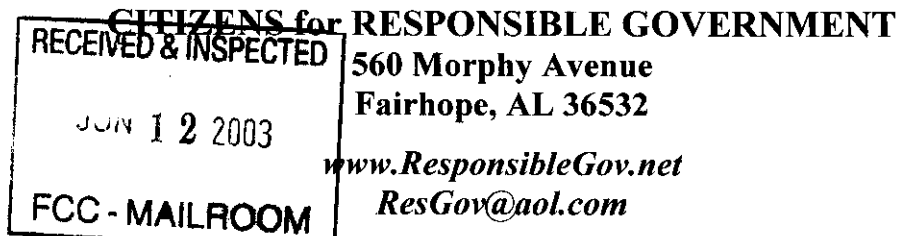
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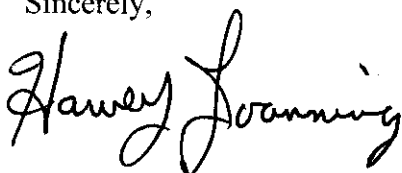
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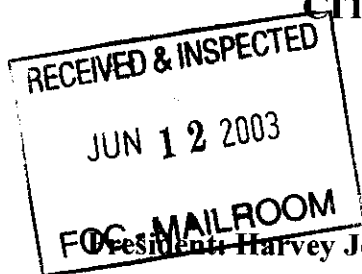
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